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TELEGRAMS. CONDENSED.

A RUSSIAN COMMUNIQUE REPORTS VIOLENT BOMBARDMENT ON STOKHOD. FIERCE FIGHTING IS REPORTED AT DIABEKIR, IN THE CAUCASUS. THREE RUSSIAN SEAPLANES BOMBED VARNIA TOWN AND HARBOUR. IMPORTANT CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE GREEK GENERAL STAFF. BRITISH AEROPLANES HARRASS ENEMY BY FLYING LOW OVER TRENCHES. 179TH GERMAN REGIMENT SUFFERED 64 PER CENT. CASUALTIES. ALLIED ATTACK FROM UNEXPECTED QUARTER HAS DISORGANISED ENEMY ITALIANS ARE EXTENDING THEMSELVES IN THE CIMA VALLONE REGION. A FEW ENEMY SHELLS HAVE FALLEN IN THE TOWN OF GORIZIA. ALLIED AIRMEN HAVE DONE GREAT DAMAGE IN GHENT NEIGHBOURHOOD. GERMAN ATTACKS ON VAUX WOOD AND IN LORRAINE WERE DEFEATED. BRITISH HAVE TAKEN A FURTHER 200 YARDS OF ENEMY TRENCH. GENERAL HAIG REPORTS CAPTURE OF SEVEN MORE MACHINE-GUNS. ITALY CONSIDERS HERSELF AT WAR WITH GERMANY AS FROM TO-DAY. THE BRITISH HAVE WON MORE GROUND NORTH-WEST OF GINCHY. THE WEATHER IMPEDES OPERATIONS ON THE WESTERN FRONT. KING OF ROMANIA HAS SUMMONED STATESMEN TO DISCUSS SITUATION. BRITISH WAR CRAFT HAVE BOMBARDED THE KAVALLA FORTS. THE SERBIAN ARTILLERY SHATTERED FIVE FIERCE BULGARIAN ATTACKS.

[All telegrams appearing in large type are the latest having been received during the course of the day. Those in small type have come through over-night.]

THE ALLIED OFFENSIVE.

Allied Air Raid on Ghent Neighbourhood.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

August 27, 3.00 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, the *Echo de la Beldge* states that an Allied air squadron bombed the neighbourhood of Ghent on August 25. Two big explosions were heard, and it is believed two munition depots were blown up. It is rumoured that the damage and the number of victims were very great. In the course of the attack a gunpowder depot at Meirelbeke was blown up. A Zeppelin stationed at St. Denis Westdam was damaged.

Revelations in German Letters.

August 27, 3.30 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters says that a captured German soldier's diary lately complains that during the day one hardly dares to go to the trench owing to the British aeroplanes flying low. The writer says nothing is to be seen of the German aero army. He adds:—"One can hardly calculate how much additional loss of life and strain on the nerves this costs us." In another captured letter it is stated that the writer's Division lost nearly 7,000 in casualties before being relieved at the end of July. The returns of the 179th Regiment show that the percentage of losses was 64. German officer prisoners admit that the view held, that our offensive is only beginning, is contrary to what the German newspapers say; also that considerable disorganisation was caused by the attack developing where it did, instead of in the Arras region, where it was expected.

British Capture More Trenches.

August 27, 3.45 p.m.
General Sir Douglas Haig, in a communique, says:—"A further 200 yards of German trench north of Bzenzieu Le Petit has been captured. Seven more machine guns have been captured, in addition to those reported in the communique dated the 25th inst. The enemy's artillery has been active during the night between the Somme and the Ancre. The enemy shelled the neighbourhood of Bethune and we retaliated on enemy railway stations and barracks."

Futile German Attacks.

August 27, 4.15 p.m.
A Paris communique says:—"There is a relative calm on the Somme, the weather interfering with operations. The Germans thrice attacked Vaux wood, but were forced to return to their trenches. The Germans attacked on a 300-yard front in the direction of Croix St. Jean, Lorraine, but were caught in our curtains of fire. The attacks were completely defeated."

Nothing Important.

August 27, 11.30 p.m.
Reuter's Paris correspondent says it is officially announced that there is nothing important to report. The bad weather continues.

Further British Gain.

August 28, 12.15 a.m.
General Sir Douglas Haig, in a communique, says:—"We have gained ground to the north-west of Ginchy. The weather interferes with operations. In the afternoon there was considerable artillery activity on both sides. The enemy's fire was directed mainly against our support trenches, especially north-west of Longueval. Our guns blew up some enemy bomb stores and exploded mines between Armentieres and Neuve Chapelle. The enemy blew up two small mines south-west of Auchy and north of Ypres, but there were no casualties. The latest captures are four machine-guns and fifty-five others."

TELEGRAMS.

THE BALKAN SITUATION.

Important Greek Changes.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

August 27, 12.15 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Athens says: General Moschopoulos has been appointed Chief of the General Staff, replacing General Domazanis, who has been given leave. Colonel Metaxas has been relieved of his post as Assistant Chief of the General Staff. The changes are highly important.

Roumanian Statesmen Meet.

August 27, 10.25 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Bucharest says it is authoritatively announced that the King has summoned representatives and statesmen of all parties to discuss the situation.

Bulgarian Port Bombed.

August 27, 11.00 p.m.
A Bulgarian official announcement admits that Russian seaplanes have bombed the town and harbour of Varna.

British Warships Active.

August 28, 1.35 a.m.
According to a message from Paris, an official statement issued at Salonica states that two British monitors and one cruiser bombarded the Kavalla forts, which are occupied by Bulgarians, with one exception. There has been a cannonade on the Struma and Lake Doiran fronts. Five fierce Bulgarian attacks against Vitrenik, north-west of Kukuruz, were shattered by the Serbian artillery. Fighting continues in the region of Lake Ostrovo, where several Bulgarian attacks were driven back by Serbian counter-attacks.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

August 27, 4.40 p.m.
A Rome communique states:—"There has been considerable enemy artillery activity at Trentino, but no infantry attack. The Italians are steadily extending themselves in the Cima Vallone region. The enemy shelled the Isone bridges and a few shells fell on Gorizia."

THE RUSSIAN FRONTS.

Fierce Fighting Reported.

August 27, 9.10 p.m.
An official announcement from Petrograd states:—"On the Stokhod, near Toboly, the enemy engaged in a violent bombardment. There has been fierce fighting at Diarbekir, on the Caucasian front. Columns have reached Maola and the Darasi River, a tributary of the Euphrates."

ITALY AND GERMANY.

A State of War.

August 27, 11.10 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam a Berlin official announcement says the Italian Government, through the Swiss Government, has notified that she considers herself in a state of war with Germany as from August 28.

The Italian Declaration.

August 28, 1.20 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Rome states that the Foreign Minister, in transmitting the Declaration of War, says German acts of hostility against Italy exceed each other with growing frequency. It is, he says, sufficient to mention the regular supply of military and naval arms and war equipment to Austria-Hungary, and the uninterrupted participation of officers and soldiers and sailors in the different operations against Italy. He states that it is only due to the lavish assistance afforded to Austria that the latter has been able to concentrate a most extensive effort against Italy. The Minister refers to the return to Austria of Italian prisoners escaped from concentration camps in Germany, at the request of the German Foreign Office, and says that German financial institutions consider Italian alien enemies, and postpone due payments. The Royal Government, says the Minister, can no longer tolerate such a state of affairs, and he points out that the situation has been aggravated because Italy and Germany belong to opposing groups of belligerents.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on Page 8 or on Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIED OFFENSIVE.

Disastrous Day for German Aeroplanes.

August 28, 5.00 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Paris says repeated German attacks on the Verdun front failed. The day has been disastrous for German aeroplanes, of which twelve have been shot down, the French aviator, Nungesser, bringing down his eleventh enemy machine.

TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIED OFFENSIVE.

Gallantry of Wiltshires and Worcesters.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

August 26, 5.25 p.m.
General Sir Douglas Haig, in a communique, says: Near Mouquet Farm the British progressed another four hundred yards. Trenches were taken along the Cour Celeste-Thiepval road. At 7.30 last night the Prussian Guard, after a most heavy artillery preparation, attacked our new trenches to the south of Thiepval. The attack was pressed determinedly but was everywhere repulsed with heavy enemy loss. Our success was largely due to the steadiness and gallantry of the Wiltshires and the Worcesters.

Greater Gains and Smaller Loss of Life.

August 26, 11.40 a.m.
The French capture of Maurepas and the British success at Thiepval are typical of the new Allied method of advancing piecemeal after intensely bombarding patches of the front, then sending patrols to ascertain the damage, and afterwards drenching other points with a storm of shell and infantry fire, meanwhile attacking along the lanes formed by the first bombardments. Thus both frontal and lateral attacks are possible and greater gains are thus obtained at a smaller loss of life than hitherto. The value of the success is apparent from the importance attached by the enemy to the Guillemont-Ginchy region, where he alone retains an effective footing on the ridge. The two strongholds, with the Thiepval plateau, remain the most formidable bastions of the enemy's line, but the pressure around them is growing constantly more severe. The stubborn and relentless fighting whereby the British in the last three weeks have forced a way over the open, up the slope, and then pushed the enemy by inches to the further edge of the plateau, is the outstanding feature of the battle. Eight miles of German lines between Thiepval and Ginchy are described by correspondents as a huge fortress, flanked by bastions, whose outworks were stormed on Thursday. It is stated that the Germans concentrated on this little front enough men to garrison eighty miles of trench. They have hundreds of batteries of all calibres, and these, like the troops, are massed at certain places behind the lines. Vain counter-attacks cost the Germans losses which are unprecedented for purely defensive fighting. On the whole, it is calculated that the new Allied method of attacking costs less by 10 per cent.

Severe Artillery Duels.

August 27, 12.25 a.m.
A Paris communique reports severe artillery duels on the Somme, especially north of Maurepas and west of Clercy. There was an intermittent cannonade elsewhere, this being most violent on the Thiaumont-Floury sector.

An Active Day Reviewed.

August 27, 12.53 a.m.
In a communique General Sir Douglas Haig says: The enemy's artillery was active at Mametz wood, north of Delville wood. The fighting continues at Mouquet Farm. We have captured 67 prisoners in the Mouquet Farm area and south of Thiepval within the last twenty-four hours. Two hostile attempts against a sap south of the Bethune-La Bassée road were driven back by rifle fire. The enemy shelled Rocquincourt, La Couture and East Zillebeke in the daytime. There was also much reciprocal trench mortar activity near the Hollenzollern redoubt. Our counter-batteries yesterday successfully engaged many enemy gun positions, some of which were destroyed and others damaged. Our aircraft attacked many points of military importance in the enemy's rear, dropping altogether five tons of bombs. One hostile machine was felled and another was driven down damaged. Two British machines are missing.

IN THE BALKANS.

Enemy Camps Bombed.

August 26, 10.50 p.m.
An official message from Salonica reports artillery activity on the Struma-Doiran fronts. Our aeroplanes bombed enemy camps south of Djirhisia.

The Bulgarians in Retreat.

August 27, 5.15 a.m.
A Paris official message states:—"At Salonica there has been intermittent artillery activity on the right wing. The British guns ceaselessly bombarded the enemy positions on the left bank of the Struma. The Bulgarians on our centre delivered six counter-attacks north-west of Kukuruz, but were repulsed by the Serbians on the whole line. The enemy were sanguinarily defeated, and are retreating, continuously pressed by the Serbians, whom they are resisting stubbornly. Fierce fighting continues. On the left wing, in the region of Ostrovo, the Serbians allowed the Bulgarians to approach to 100 yards from the trenches. A devastating fire then mowed the enemy down, and 300 Bulgarian corpses were found in front of a single trench. Prisoners admit that the Serbian artillery indisputably dominates the Bulgarian."

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TELEGRAMS.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

SHACKLETON RELIEF EXPEDITION.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]
London, Received August 27.
Reuter's correspondent at Buenos Aires reports that Sir Ernest Shackleton has left Punta Arenas aboard the *Yelcho* in a third attempt to rescue the stranded men on Elephant Island.

MORPHIA IN CHINA.

Serious Charge Against Japanese.

Although the morphia habit is still almost unheard of in many inland districts, there are places where this nefarious trade is being worked up by Japanese traders to an extent probably quite undreamt of by those who have not come across the victims of this habit.

In Yungpingfa, Chihli, for instance, the spread of the habit may well be mentioned as alarming. Japanese agents are found even in comparatively small places. They are spoken of as medicine sellers, but in places pointed out to the writer they display no signboards and parade no drugs for sale.

In a private house a small hole in the wall provides the outlet through which the powders are handed in exchange for ready cash, and observation proves, we have said, that business is continuing at all hours of the day and night. In this summer weather when coolies wear scant clothing, black and disfigured arms and legs are everywhere to be seen, while some make their injections on other parts of the body, with the usual disastrous results.

Whatever differences of opinion may exist as to the effects of opium smoking, there can surely be no two opinions as to the indiscriminate use of hypodermic injections of a powerful drug by unprofessional people on themselves. That the habit is rapidly spreading, and that its physical and moral effects are seriously harmful, cannot be questioned.

Meanwhile Japanese invading the interior and reaping immense revenues from the illegal sale of morphia and the needles are guilty of a serious crime.

A village was pointed out to me where the recently arrived Japanese agent is already taking \$20 a day.

The evil is now spreading up country to the interior provinces. —N. O. Daily News.

Police Reservist Fined.

The Police Reserve Chinese constable, who was charged on Saturday with misconduct and neglect of duty, was dealt with by Mr. J. B. Wood at the Police Court this morning. He was fined \$5.

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TO-DAY.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Palace Theatre—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

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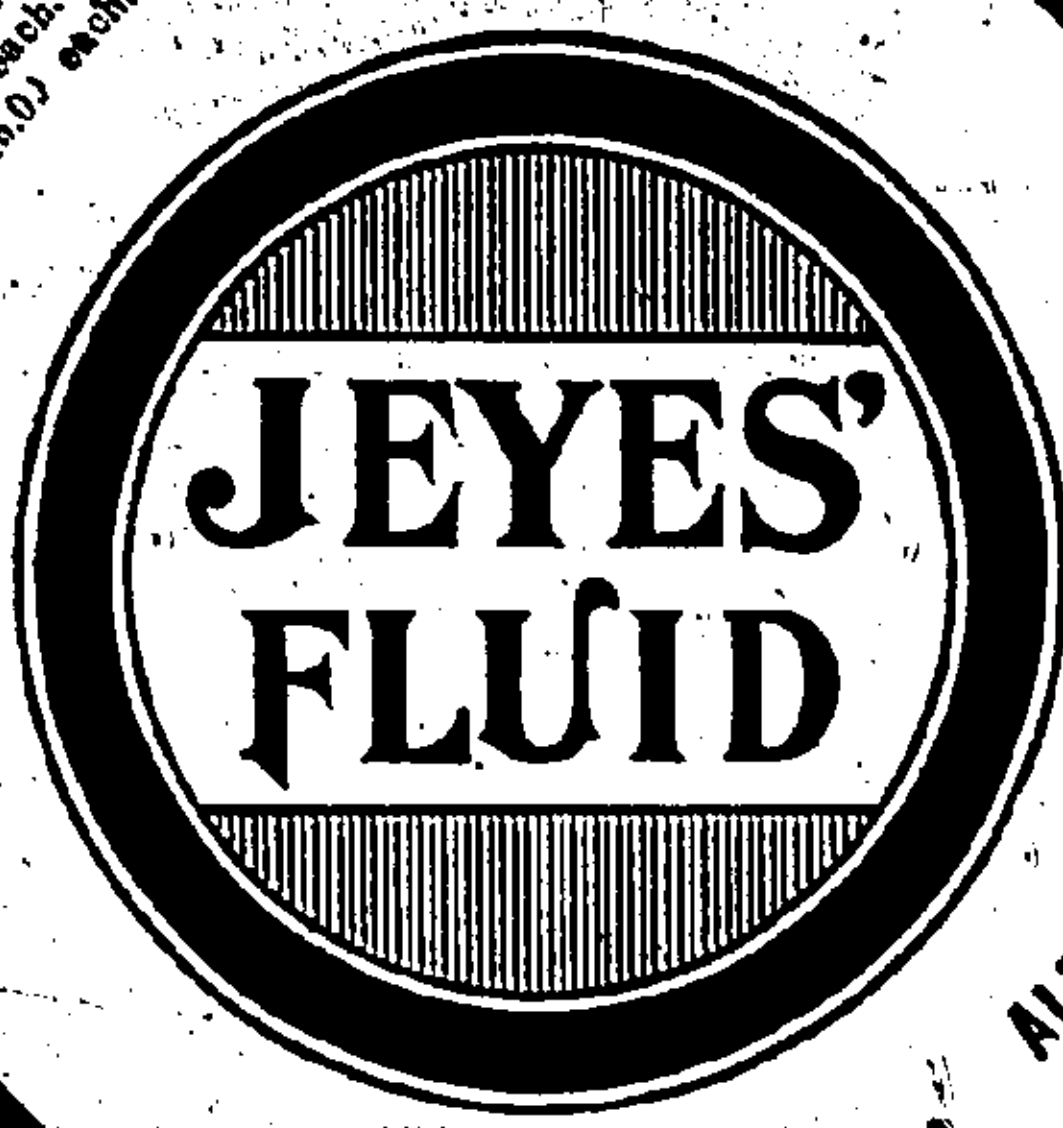
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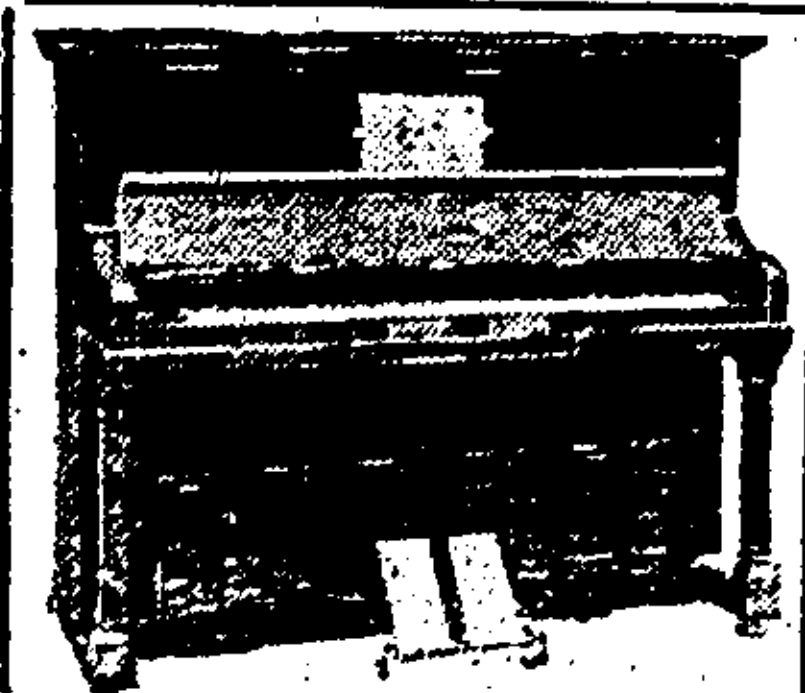
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GENERAL NEWS.

Resigned.
A Chinese paper says that Dr.
Anderson, adviser to the Ministry
of Agriculture and Commerce,
has resigned in view of the re-
trenchment policy of the Govern-
ment. The paper adds that those
foreigners who are employed in
the Bureau of Afforestation which
has been annexed to the Depart-
ment of Forests and Agriculture,
have also resigned from their
posts.

Chinese Opium Smuggler in
Bombay.

Bombay July 12.—Atun Ahim,
a Chinese, was yesterday charged
before Mr. Frank O'Leary, Second
Presidency Magistrate, at the
Mazgaon Police Court, at the
instance of Chief Inspector
Sohriar J. Talarkhan, of the
Excise Department, with possess-
ing fifty-nine tolas of opium with-
out a licence. The accused was
arrested at 5 p.m. on Monday at
Kamatipura when he was found
in possession of the drug. The
accused pleaded guilty and was
fined Rs. 200, with the alternative
of two months' rigorous imprison-
ment.

The National Assembly.
The confirmation of the
Cabinet members will be done on
the 18th inst., says a Chinese
paper, and then the two Houses
will proceed to appoint a Com-
mittee to draft the permanent
Constitution. On account of
various reasons, the election of a
Vice President will probably be
postponed as there is no time-
limit for the election of a Vice-
President in the Provisional
Constitution. There are various
parties fighting for the Vice-
Presidency and also there is no
uniform or concerted opinion
among the M. P.s. as to who
should be elected to the post.

Disolution of the Tsan Cheng
Yuan.

The dissolution of the Tsan
Cheng Yuan is now complete
and the affairs of the Yuan have
been satisfactorily wound up. Mr.
Wang Yun-shia, acting Chief
Secretary of the Yuan, has
reported to the President to this
effect. He handed over to the
President a financial statement of
the affairs of the Yuan. The
President ordered that the mem-
bers of the Yuan should be given
three months' extra salary as a
special consideration. This will
be good news to many of the
members as some of them have
been out of employment for the
last two months.—*Peking Gazette.*

The Kaiser in a New Role.

A *Mainichi Chronicle* message
from New York quotes news from
Berlin as reporting that the Kaiser
is spending a brief holiday work-
ing in the fields, helping to reap
the bountiful harvest. He has
abandoned his field uniform and
is toiling the whole afternoon in
the sun, wielding a scythe with
the expertness of a peasant, and
has acquired a healthy tan by
the exercise and exposure. Public
interest in Germany has turned
temporarily from the British
offensive to the home harvest,
which is regarded as more
important to the outcome of the
war. Reports from all parts of the
country, it is stated, indicate that
a bumper crop will be harvested,
and the Food Dictator says the
crisis is now permanently over.

A German Puzzle.

It appears that the German
missionary societies are puzzled
to know how after singing the
Hymn of Hate they can resume
the preaching of the Gospel of
Love to the heathen. Some ex-
tracts from their magazines, which
the *Daily Chronicle* has printed,
exhibit a view of the difficulty
which is thoroughly characteris-
tic of the Teutonic mind. Need-
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GENERAL NEWS.

Fong Kuo-cheong.
The Hsin Chung Waipao reports:—The office of the President and the Cabinet have received telegrams from Chang Cheng-yuan and He Han-chang that General Fong Kuo-cheong has agreed to remain in office, and they will leave Nanking on the 18th August for Peking.

Socialist Sent to Gaol.
Under the Defence of the Realm Act a Glasgow Socialist was sentenced to one month's imprisonment for distributing a British Socialist Party leaflet, entitled "Prussianism and Peace." Prosecutors said the War Office had been written to concerning the question of action against the party organisation in London.

German Exhaustion.
The Russian Minister of War, interviewed by the *Russkoe Slovo*, said that the tide of war "turned with the exhaustion of men proceeding alongside the exhaustion of products, and with the German initiative in the fighting transferred to the Allies, the spirit of whose troops is very high, but it will be a prolonged struggle before the German technique is finally broken."

Prince Ching and Manchu Restoration Party.
The Hsin Chung Waipao reports:—Prince Ching arrived at Peking on the 15th August by train. Certain people in Peking have informed the President and Premier Tuan that he is connected with the Manchu Restoration party and should be summarily executed. On the 16th Prince Ching interviewed the President and explained his position and detailed the measures to deal with the Manchu party.

Tax-Dodging Steam Launches.
According to a rule, all steam launches loaded with cargo, should be stopped and examined by the Tax Office when they pass through. This they often objected to do, and recently the Commissioner of Finance has requested the Superintendent of Customs to issue a notification that hereafter any steam launch which passes the Tax Office must stop for examination, even if she is empty, otherwise she will be heavily fined. After this there should be no obstacle in the way of collecting the taxes from the launches.—C.C. Post.

Soldiers for the Land.
Interesting information on the question whether the life of soldiering will woo men from town life to the country is furnished by official inquiries which have been made among our soldiers in France. Mr. Aoland said of 97,000 men who were asked, 17,000 expressed themselves as desirous of settling on the land either in the United Kingdom or in the Dominions. The percentage varied from nil in the battalion of the Buffs Brigade to 46 per cent. in a battalion of the Suffolk Regiment. In two battalions mainly composed of townsmen, the percentage was 5, in two battalions mainly composed of miners it was 9, and in two battalions drawn from rural areas it was 28.

Passports for Marseilles.
Simla, July 11.—It has been brought to the notice of the Government of India that a large number of passengers from India are arriving at Marseilles without passports, and, although not on military duty, are wearing uniforms. The regulations of the French Government prohibit foreigners entering or quitting the undermentioned places without a passport: "visa" by competent French officials: Morocco, Algeria and France. As an exception, however, British officers, non-commissioned officers and men, when travelling on duty, may land without passports, but they must wear uniform and possess movement orders, and in the case of non-commissioned officers and men they must produce army pay books and identity discs. Passports must be carried by officers, non-commissioned officers and men when travelling otherwise than on the duty.

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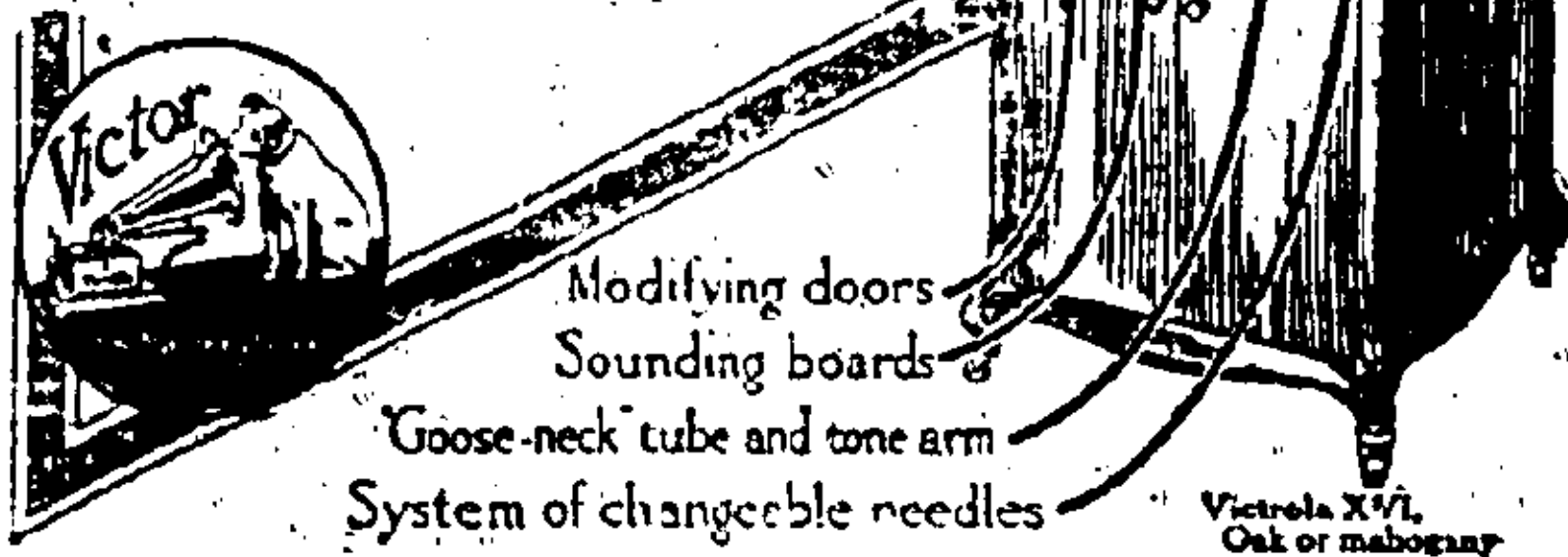
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AN AMERICAN VIEW.

"More Peril in the Far East."

A sinister aspect is seen by some of our press in the Russo-Japanese treaty signed at Petrograd on July 3. The *New York American* says the document "simply means that these two Powers have agreed to partition Asia between them and drive the United States out of the 'open door,' and then shut and lock the door." The American has been warning the country so many years about the "yellow peril" that it can not now understand the surprise with which the "menacing announcement" of the pact between the enemy nations of eleven years ago has been received by our Government and our press. Rumours once current that the Japanese were "surreptitiously cultivating the good graces of Germany" are now smothered by an "agreement of the blanket brand," observes the *Brooklyn Eagle*, which "may or may not be satisfactory or acceptable to the British Foreign Office." Meanwhile, as our trade with China happens to be growing, our State Department should closely scrutinize the text of the treaty. The same suggestion is made by the *New York Evening Mail*, which says that "America can not afford to continue an indifferent spectator while the commercial and political future of 400,000,000 prospective purchasers is being determined behind closed doors, amid an international confusion which furnishes a favourable atmosphere for devious diplomacy."

The treaty is effective for ten years and the summary of it, as given to the press, is said to be virtually the text, and reads in Tokyo dispatches as follows:—

"First—Japan will take part in no arrangement or political combination directed against Russia. Russia will take part in no arrangement or political combination directed against Japan."

"Secondly—In case the territorial rights or special interests in the Far East of one of the contracting parties, which are recognized by the other contracting party, are menaced, Japan and Russia will consult with each other on measures to adopt with

a view to supporting or extending assistance for the safeguarding and defence of these rights and interests."

Japan assures us that our interests are not imperilled by the new pact. The Japanese Foreign Office is reported as saying:

"The convention is effectually an emphasis upon, and an extension of, the Anglo-Japanese alliance, based upon the territorial integrity of China, whose open door and integrity are not endangered. American trade and interests are in no wise affected."

Count Okuma, too, tells the press that the treaty is not directed in any way against the United States, but the *Boston Transcript* remarks that his "somewhat premature assurance that it is not arouses a certain suspicion that it may be."

The Boston editor then turns to the second paragraph of the summary of the treaty, which provides for cases where the territorial rights or special interests of either of the contracting parties are involved, and claims that this "says, as plainly as any diplomatic document ever could say, that Japan and Russia have settled the fate of China between them." In consequence, the primary effect of the treaty is to "weaken the alliance between Japan and Great Britain," and to make Russia the Power for Japan's future dependence. On the other hand, the *Boston Herald* says there is no reason to doubt that the new convention between Russia and Japan is what the contracting Powers declare it to be—"a guaranty of peace in the Far East,"—and, for an official Russian confirmation of the actual purpose of the agreement, we have, from an interview with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. Sergius Sazonoff, the following:

"The present war opens up a series of problems for Russia, the solution of which necessitates our confining our attention to the West for many years. Relying on our solidarity with Japan as regards Far-Eastern questions, we can devote all our energies to the solution of those problems with the assurance that no Power will take unfair advantage of China to carry out its ambitious plans, as was the case with other countries bordering on Russia in the East."—*Literary Digest*.

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THE RUSSIAN PROGRESS.

General Kuropatkin's Task.

London, July 11.—It is north of the Pripiet that the principal act of the great Eastern drama is developing. In this vast theatre of war the Russian armies are grouped in two principal masses. The northern mass is led by General Kuropatkin, the Commander-in-Chief of the Russians during the mighty struggle with Japan. The southern-most group is commanded by General Evert, and on the front of both these groups the Russians are taking offensive measures with ever-increasing pertinacity and vigour. Marshal von Hindenburg is in supreme command of the German armies north of the Pripiet, and has the unenviable task of stemming the giant tide of invasion with altogether inadequate numbers. Not that the fight is likely to be cheaply won. The Germans have had time to strongly fortify the principal points of their line. Kuropatkin is not easy to interpret, but he is certain to take an able hand in the game. We must not think that nothing has been happening while he has been waiting. He has doubtless been increasing his numbers, adding to his guns and piling up his shells. Every week's delay means that he can strike more strongly. He already holds Hindenburg tight, and on several sectors has carried first lines of German trenches. But Hindenburg has hitherto proved a rough animal, and we must not repeat his own error in the past, by selling the skin before the death of the bear. It has yet to be seen whether the war-idol of the latter-day Teutons can be broken in the present campaign. If he is held and ground down, while progress continues elsewhere Kuropatkin's contribution to the general offensive of the Allies may be as good as an advance in the Dvinsk region, and perhaps better. Vilna is as obviously the

enemy's nerve centre north of the marshes as is Lemberg south of them.

Meanwhile the Russian troops are behaving splendidly. Mr. Washburn, in a despatch to the *Times*, says he was deeply impressed with the extraordinary enthusiasm of these haggard, bloody, and war-stained Russian veterans when they learned that their Allies in the West were sacrificing and bleeding even as themselves. There is no people in the entire world so responsive as the Russian, and the news of the British and French advances has done more in three days to cement the Alliance than a year of diplomatic negotiations could possibly accomplish.

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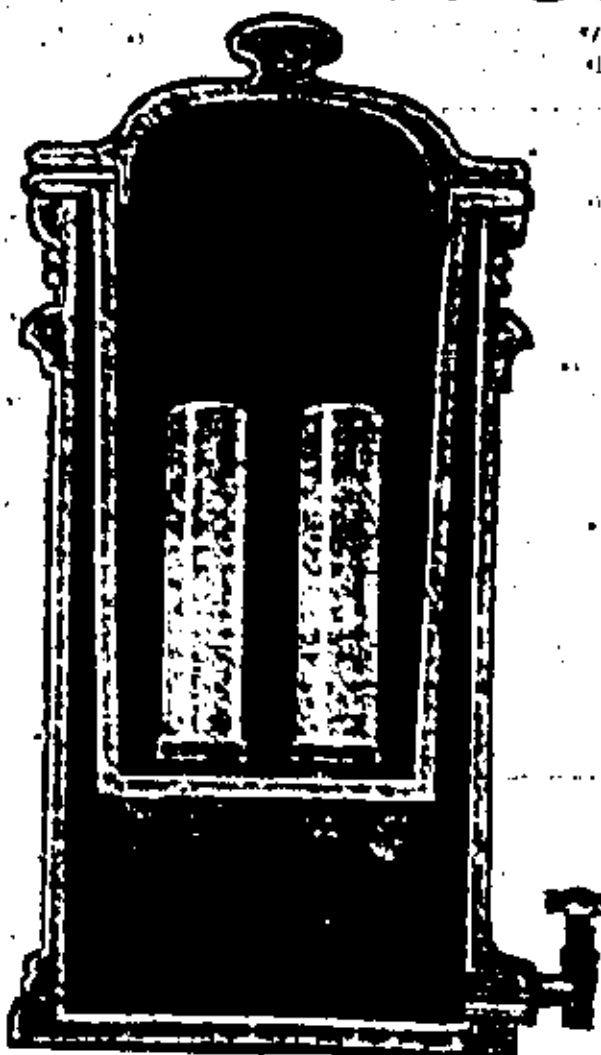
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The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 1916.

ROUMANIA'S FATEFUL HOUR.

A week ago, in making mention of the first signs of a renewal of military activity in the Balkans, we ventured the suggestion that there was here the possibility of a general Allied offensive in this theatre of the war. The events of the past five or six days have justified that forecast, for news has come through of the arrival of Russian and Italian, as well as Albanian, troops at Salonica, and of the subsequent extensive operations by the British, French and Serbian armies in the field. So far as can be gathered, neither Germany nor Austria is seriously represented on this front, and the Allies therefore have merely Bulgaria to face—a country which, as we have before observed, never has had overmuch enthusiasm for fighting in the present war, and which, we may be sure, is now even still less inclined to carry on the hopeless task with which she is faced.

But, at the moment, it is in regard to Roumania rather than Bulgaria that interest is centred. For about the fourth or fifth time since the war broke out, the Roumanians appear to be about to join the warring nations. Indeed, all the circumstances tend to suggest that it will not be many days before she makes the plunge, over the taking of which she has so long hesitated. There have, of course, been potent reasons why she has so long remained non-belligerent. First and foremost, the fear of Hungary has to be taken into account. So long as the Austro-Hungarian armies were holding their own against the Russians, and keeping Transylvania intact, Roumanians realised that to come in on the side of the Allies would, by reason of her geographical position, have meant being absolutely overrun. Equally disastrous to the Allies would have been the step in such circumstances, since the enemy would have secured full and absolute control and possession of Roumania's great supplies of corn and petroleum. That is most probably the reason why the Allies have taken no steps to urge Roumanian intervention, knowing full well that, as with the United States, so with Roumania, neutrality best serves their interests. This was the situation as it existed before the renewed Russian offensive and before the revival of Allied activity in the Balkans. These great events have made all the difference, and that is why all eyes are fastened on Roumania just now, and why we are expecting to hear that she exchanged neutrality for belligerency. That she is preparing for war there can be no doubt: the recent messages from Bucharest leave no room for doubt on that point.

As to which side Roumania will come in on, there can scarcely be any question. With the situation as it is to-day, no nation save a nation of lunatics would join the discredited and depressed Central Powers. The Roumanians have hitherto hesitated to take up arms for the reasons which we have cited above, and, in addition, because such a very large proportion of the inhabitants of Transylvania are, and have been for centuries, of Roumanian blood. Thus until Hungary was crippled, the fate of these people, in the event of Roumania joining the Allies, would have been sealed. Recent events, however, have removed most of the causes for anxiety in this and other respects, and to day the prospects of Roumania coming in on our side are brighter than they have been for very many months. Germany, of course, still has a big hold on Roumania, and the fact that von Hindenburg is at present exercising considerable influence in the negotiations at Bucharest would suggest that the diplomatic battle there is not yet concluded. All the same, the early future should see Roumania definitely pledged to aid the Allied cause.

The Police Reserve Club.

All visitors to the new Police Reserve Club are lovel in their prizes of the institution. Descriptions of it have already appeared in our columns and it is only necessary to add here that the billiard table is now set up and very much in use. But one would like to remark that the club serves to illustrate what might be done in this colony, were a few more people possessed of the spirit of enterprise, energy and self-denial that has gone to the initiating and the keeping alive of the Hongkong Police Reserve and its many side interests. If one or two men with their heads screwed on the right way could succeed, within a space of about eighteen months, in putting at the service of the Government an armed, uniformed and trained body of over five hundred men, and in supplying those men with a good band and a club, that is in all respects a model to the Far East, what is there that really united effort on the part of the general public could not accomplish here? A word of congratulation should be offered, too, on the system of lectures now arranged for. In this, as in its other enterprises, the Reserve is showing itself thoroughly practical and up-to-date, and we cordially hope that its example will be followed when and where possible.

Quiet in Canton.

It is with very real relief that we learn of the apparent collapse of the brawling in and about Canton, and we sincerely trust that a period of certain peace is dawning. That hostilities have endured for so long is by no means creditable to the Peking Government, and it should have been possible to discontinue them without the broad hint recently given by the British Minister.

The quarrel has been a trumpety one throughout, arising out of stupid jealousies that could not exist if the contending parties were genuinely anxious for the well being of China—or, for that matter, if they were blessed with a sense of humour. The arrival of the new Civil Governor and of Admiral Sah seems calculated to knock the quarrelling in the head without more ado, and, this having been done, it is to be hoped that no time will be lost in clearing up matters along the river. At present we fail to see that there is any less brigandage and general law-breaking about the delta than there was five or six years ago. If Admiral Sah can be spared by the Central Government long enough to allow of his tackling the river problem, we think it quite likely that the pirates and kidnappers may be in for an uncomfortable time.

Tommy's Tobacco.

If the *Daily Chronicle* is sent to the trenches Mr. Atkins must read with no little perplexity that the journal has given hospitality to a letter from a lady who calls herself "Secretary to the National Prohibition Party," wherein the sending of tobacco to the front is bemoaned. This warm-hearted soul urges that it is no purpose that economy is enjoined on the womenfolk while the public is spending untold sums in sending cigarettes and tobacco to the troops. In defence of her argument she offers a statement made by Earl Roberts after the South African War which is said to have been as follows: "Not only do I consider tobacco bad for anyone, but for the young I consider it pernicious." There are many thousands of people who are of the same way of thinking, but that has not prevented their contributing generously to the Tobacco Fund; and whatever may have been the great soldier's personal prejudices, it is certain that he would have been among the first to see that the men in the trenches did not go short of a smoke. We never heard of the National Prohibition Party before, but if this piece of carmingeoliness on the part of its secretary is a sample of its activities, we think it hardly likely that the British public will give it a great deal of support. Meanwhile what is a presumably self-respecting journal thinking about to publish such narrow-minded trash?

DAY BY DAY.

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The Weather.
At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 75; fine. (1915, 75 heavy rain.)
Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 82; fine. (1915, 80 heavy rain.)

The Mails.
French Mail.—Closed per s.s. Athos at 11 a.m. to-day.
French Mail.—Due per s.s. Porikos to-morrow.
Siberian Mail.—Closes per s.s. Porikos at 4 p.m. to-morrow.

The Dollar.
The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 1.7-16d.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the 16th anniversary of the taking of Waterval Boven (South Africa) by Lord Roberts.

Mr. John Johnstone.
Mr. John Johnstone arrived from Shanghai by the s.s. Athos yesterday.

Interim Dividend.
Messrs. Benjamin and Potts advise us that the Bute Plantations, Ltd., have declared an interim dividend of 5 cents.

Kailan Output.
The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending August 12 amounted to 49,135 tons and the sales during the period, to 39,391 tons.

The Life-belt Thief.
The coolie who was charged on Saturday with stealing a number of life-belts from the s.s. Kumessag, was sentenced by Mr. Haselwood, at the Police Court this morning, to one month's hard labour and four hours' stocks.

A Foolish Jump.
On Saturday, a Chinese, aged 28, was sent to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries to his head, caused by jumping from the first floor of 20, Wanchai Road, whilst the house was being entered under a gambling warrant on Saturday night.

Fatal Accident.
The body of a Chinese was sent to the public mortuary on Saturday. Death was caused by the man being buried under about a ton of earth and stones, which fell whilst he was assisting in excavating a site above Conduit Road.

Manure-Dumping at North Point.
In connection with our leaderette on the above subject, in Saturday's issue, we are informed by Mr. E. F. Scull that the manure in question was not taken from the Causeway Bay stables but from some adjacent cow houses.

Street Fighting.
A Police Reserve constable saw two men fighting in Queen's Road East on Saturday, and charged them before Mr. Haselwood at the Police Court this morning. The first defendant was striking the other over the head with a bamboo. Both were fined \$3, or seven days' imprisonment.

Consented to Judgment.
In a Chinese action which was down for hearing before the Chief Justice at the Summary Court this morning, the claim for which was \$1,000, Mr. Grist said he consented to judgment on behalf of the second defendant, and Mr. D'Almada, who was appearing for the other side, had withdrawn the cases against the other.

Fatal Wrestling Bout.
It was reported to the Police on Saturday that an Indian constable was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries received whilst wrestling with another constable at Tat Tei Mai. The two men were indulging in the pastime when one received an injury to his neck. He died the following day.

A Remarkable Escape.
A woman, residing at 42, Bridges Street, had a miraculous escape from death, or, at all events, serious injuries, yesterday. The house in which she lives is about 70 feet high, and by some means she fell from a window on the top storey. She alighted on a chicken crate on the ground below and the only injuries she sustained were a few scratches and a fractured arm. She was conveyed to the Government Civil Hospital.

THE MONEY MARKET.

Messrs. Montagu and Company's Report.

Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Company, in their report dated July 13, state:—
Gold.

For the seventh time in succession the external movements have been in favour of the Bank of England:—

The following amounts were received by the Bank:—
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The Transvaal gold output for June, 1916, amounted to £3,235,767, as compared with £3,208,224 in June, 1915, and £3,303,377 in May 1916.

The net import of gold into India for the month of June amounted to £164,933.

The production of gold in the U. S. A. was worth \$101,035,700 in 1915. This exceeds the total for 1914 by about £1,300,000.

Silver.
The downward course of prices continued until—preceded by a drop of a whole penny—28.5/8 was recorded on the 10th. inst.

This figure, however, proved tempting to the Indian Bazaar, and provoked some covering on the part of China. The price rallied at once and continued to advance daily, whilst the Market betrayed an improved tone. The Indian enquiry was helped by the purchase of 400 bars for Hyderabad.

The situation of silver at the present time, considered from the point of view of China, is more than usually interesting. The rise in the price to the neighbourhood of 37d., which took place in the early part of May, could not fail to affect strongly the trade prices, and currency of that country, all of which depend largely upon the gold value of silver. In the case of so vast an extent of territory as China, and one so ill-provided with communications, the influence of silver prices, though sure, can only permeate in a slow fashion, and it is possible that recent sales on Chinese account were set in motion by the rise, even though it occurred ten weeks ago.

Another cause of the freedom with which China has sold silver may have been the moratorium proclaimed in that country. A suspension of specie payments would create a fear in the minds of the Chinese, always upon their guard against officialdom, lest their silver treasure might be annexed. Thus a steady flow, as secret as possible, would ensue towards the Treaty Ports. The accumulation of such fresh stocks would naturally provoke sales of silver to India and London.

The permanent currency requirements of China, however, must not be overlooked. It is only possible to hazard guesses as to the amount of silver of which China has been relieved during the last year and a half, but without doubt it is extremely large. Shipments to the extent of 8,500,000 taels were made on Russian account in 1915. Assuming a third of that amount to have been remitted in the current year, the total during 18 months would be some 13,000,000 ounces. Add to this at least 20,000,000 ounces in specie or dollars sold to the Indian Government, the Indian Bazaar, and London, and a total of 33,000,000 ounces is arrived at.

No shipment was made from San Francisco to Hongkong. Quotations for bar silver per oz. sd.—July 7, 29.15/16 cash; 8, 29.5/8 cash; 10, 28.5/8 cash; 11, 29.1/8 cash; 12, 29.1/2 cash; 13, 30 cash.
Average for the week, 29.468.
No quotation fixed for forward delivery.
Bank Rate 6 per cent.
Bar Gold per oz. sd. 77/8.
French Gold coin per oz. Nominal.
U. S. A. Gold coin per oz. Nominal.

The quotation to-day for cash is 1/4 below that fixed a week ago.

ALLEGED KIDNAPPING.

A man was charged before Mr. J. B. Wood at the Police Court this morning, with kidnapping a boy.

The story is that a woman brought her son from Chung Chan and, soon after landing in Connaught Road, missed the boy. In the meantime, the defendant is alleged to have taken the boy away, and to have bought him a new suit of clothes and a pair of boots. Later it is said, he took him on board the s.s. Wing On, and it was whilst the woman was searching for the boy that she found him on board with defendant.

Defendant's excuse was that he thought the woman had gone to Canton, and he was taking the boy to find her.

The case was remanded.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. O. Jenkin, D.S.P. (Reserve) state:—

Appointment.
His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. T. F. Hough an Assistant Superintendent of Police (Reserve).

Mr. Hough, formerly of the 8th Hussars, and subsequently Adjutant and then Captain Commanding the Shanghai Light Horse, will take charge of the Mounted Police and Motor Patrols, and will be referred to in all Orders, &c., as "The A.S.P. (B), Traffic Patrols."

Inspector Gagg, O. C. Mounted Police, and Staff Inspector Clarke, O. C. Motor Patrols, will report themselves.

Mounted Police.
Mr. She Shui Tat has presented the pony "Cracker" to this detachment.

Leave from the Colony.
Members returning to the Colony from Leave must at once report for duty, whether the period for which leave was granted has expired or not.

Parades, Central Station.
Wednesday, August 30th.—All ranks, except Patrolmen, at 6 p.m. as per Orders of Aug. 24th, 25th, and 26th. Uniform, Helmets, but without Rifles.

Thursday, Aug. 31st.—Certain members of No. 2 Platoon as already detailed in Orders.

Also whole of No. 4 Company under Sergeant Major Roylance at 5.45 p.m.

ment would depend upon the price of silver. The higher the price, the less silver is likely to flow back.

The rumoured loan of £6,000,000 to be made to China by the United States of America may be remitted partly in silver, though the latter country will endeavour to send as large a proportion as possible in manufactured goods. The production of the United States of America, according to the final figures of the U.S.A. Mint, was 74,981,074 oz. This total is about 7,400,000 oz. more than estimated, and about 2,500,000 oz. more than the total of 1914.

The last three Indian Currency Returns received by cable give details in lakhs of Rupees as follows:—

Notes in Circulation	1915	1916	1917
Reserve in silver coin and bullion	8,868,713,713	1,137,137	

Gold coin and bullion	1915	1916	1917
Gold coin and bullion	2,130,234,239	1,240,125,124	

Gold in England 1,192,102,192
The stock in Bombay consists of 4,000 bars, as compared with 4,500 bars last week.

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JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

The Police Reserve pants that went off to the wash shrank, in course of time, so as to fit the wearers—but got rather worn out in the process.

We believe there is no truth in the rumour that the Finest Site is being reserved for a manual depot—albeit there are those who think seriously that it would make a fine concentration camp for some of the leprous overcrowders of Hongkong.

The employer who told a recruiting tribunal that "women are no good, as our work requires skilled labour" will never get even honourable mention in a gallantry and diplomacy test—though, if he's married, he may get a thick ear from the militia.

What's in a name.—"Heinforcements" booked to sail for the Malaysia Methodist Mission during the next three or four months, include Dean Swift and Wilbur L. Matson, both of Salina, Kansas." (Singapore Free Press).

"We Sharpen Everything" says a notice in a Pedder Street shop window. We wish we had seen it before; our Number 2 office boy would have been sent round on a trolley long ago.

Congratulations to the contemporary that recently talked of a sword studied with brilliance.

"The British have accomplished wonders in Hongkong. Only a very efficient Municipal Service could have handled things as well," said the Civil Governor of Kwangtung the other day.—The result, of course, is that those F.W.D. and Sanitary Department people who are not falling on each other's necks with delight at the compliment, are feeling painfully aware that their legs were being pulled.

"A letter that was posted in Shanghai nearly three years ago has just been returned to the sender. It has tarried most of its time at Hongkong." (N. C. Daily News)—Which only, after all, confirms our oft-repeated contention: that for greyhound-like despatch of postal business it is necessary to fall back on Hongkong.

Directions for finding the Police Reserve Club:—Keep straight along Icehouse Street till you come to a brass plate bearing the name of an enemy steamship company. Hongkong seems to have as keen an affection for that plate as for the German coat of arms over the one time Deutsch Asiatische Bank.

"British Tar Arrested," says a Manila paper. On reading below we find, however, that the "tar" in question was a Chinese cook on a British ship!

"Aliens in a shipyard" says a *Daily Chronicle* heading.—Why kick, since that or a munition works is just the place that some of our politicians at Home seem to think best calculated to offer a very present help in time of trouble to the dear distressed aliens.

"A Tale of a German Dugout," says the *Manchester Guardian*.—When the war is over there will be many tales unfolded as to British dugouts and their material handing of certain war situations.

BAIL REFUSED.

A Chinese Revenue Officer was charged on remand, before Mr. Haselwood this morning, with having in his possession five pounds of opium.

The facts were related on Saturday, and the man was now fined \$500.

A further charge was now preferred against defendant, this being of stealing the said opium. Mr. C. E. H. Beavis defended and defendant was remanded, bail being refused.

TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from page 1.)

BRITISH LOAN OVER-SUBSCRIBED.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

August 26, 12.05 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at New York says the new British loan of fifty millions was oversubscribed in forty-eight hours. The lists close to-day instead of Monday.

THE INCREASED PRICE OF COTTON.

August 26, 12.05 p.m.

Commenting on the rise of cotton the "Times" says there is little doubt that the United States crop will be small; but in some quarters the last official report is regarded as unduly pessimistic, and moreover the market in America is under "bull" control.

RUSSIANS DEFEAT TURKISH PLANS.

August 26, 12.20 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd says military experts point out that the re-capture of Mush puts the Russians on the flank of the Turkish force at Bitlis, news of the re-occupation of which is confidently awaited. The victory of General Rayam in the direction of Mosul, on August 24, knocks on the head the Turkish plans around Lake Urmia, while in the Hamadan direction the Turks are in no better case, and the enemy advance in Persia is no longer regarded as practicable. All Turkish movements are paralysed, notably the grandiose scheme of taking Erzerum, notwithstanding the employment of available reinforcements.

THE CONSCRIPTION QUESTION IN AUSTRALIA.

August 27, 12.40 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Melbourne reports that after a Cabinet meeting Mr. Hughes stated that a decision had been reached regarding conscription, but he declined to say any more. It was noticed that the Ministers known to favour conscription looked pleased. The political parties are now considering the matter.

LAWN BOWLS.

Civil Service v. Police.

The Police won this League match on the Civil Service greens on Saturday by seven points.

Civil Service.	Police.
Mace	McDonald
Wood	Davitt
Tacobi	Sim
Blake	Gordon
(skip) 18	(kip) 18
Carr	Grant
Lamble	J. Watt
Higby	R. Watt
Duncan	Gerrard
(skip) 27	(kip) 9
Woolley	S. Watt
Fincher	Murphy
Hill	Kent
Stanley	Pitt
(skip) 11	(kip) 36
Totals	56 63

Civil Service Reserves v. Taikoo Reserves.

At Taikoo on Saturday, the home team had a runaway victory.

C.S. Reserves.	Taikoo Reserves.
Hamilton	Lyle
Smith	Clark
Deane	Aitchison
Harrison	Sloan
(skip) 9	(kip) 42
Sara	Russell
Dickens	Muirhead
Cooke	O'Brien
Langdon	Eldridge
(kip) 16	(kip) 22
Ewing	Fauldes
Ponsford	Gardiner
Bolton	Gerrard
Polly	Anderson
(skip) 15	(kip) 34
Hull	Connelly
Young	Middleton
Cousins	Gray
Badon	Simpson
(skip) 17	(kip) 26
Totals	57 124

Found in a Boat.

Inspector Gordon, of the Water Police, at the Magistracy this morning, charged a boatman with having unlawful possession of 1,000 lbs. of pig iron, valued at \$150. The iron was found in his boat at Tai Kok Sai yesterday morning. A fine of \$500, or two months' hard labour, was imposed by Mr. F. A. Haselund.

HONGKONG TRADE.

A Fortnight's Activity Reviewed.

The following extracts are from the Fortnightly Price, Current and Market Report issued by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce dated August 26:—

Cotton Piece Goods and Fancy Cotton Goods.—Since we last wrote cotton has again advanced to 8.9ld. Some sales of dyed goods are reported but no new business has been booked in Greys and Whites. Clearances are fair.

Cotton Yarn.—There has been more activity in the market for chops consumed in localities not seriously affected by the fighting round about Canton. In sympathy with the steady rise in Bombay prices have advanced \$3 to \$5 per bale. Quotations are:—No. 10s at \$98/114. No. 12s at \$104/115. No. 16s at \$115/138. No. 20s at \$112/148. Arrivals 20,500 bales. Sales 6,000 bales. Shipments 6,500 bales. Unsold stock 33,000 bales. Bargains 22,000 bales.

Woolens.—No movement. Metals.—A further dull fortnight is to be reported. Tinplates have been the medium of a moderate business. Some 10,000 boxes reported sold for shipment. Prices paid from \$11.20 to \$12.50 the latter quotation being firmer at the close. Wire Nails are quiet; small sales are reported. Quotations from home continue firm. Floor Market Report.—American Market: Higher prices and freights are indicated for new crop. No business in new crop is reported. Local Market: The market is absolutely stagnant. Quotations: American Patent, \$4.00; American Cut off, \$3.40; American Straight, \$3.35; Shanghai Flour, \$3.00—\$3.05.

Sugar.—Market steady. Canton Silk.—Messrs. Herbert Dent and Company's circular dated July 29 states:—Stock—400 bales. Market Silk.—The fortnight under review opened with exchange quotations somewhat easier, and during the first two or three days small settlements were reported for France and America which amounted to more than half the local purchases for the fortnight. Since then no further purchases for America have been made public, daily settlements for France show from 20 to 50 Bales per diam. Owing to local troubles no silk is coming to Canton at present and all traffic from the Country is stopped. Quotations are steady at the rates last given.

THE FORGED CHOP CASE.

A further stage was reached this morning in the case in which a Chinese is charged with forging the chop of his partner in a business.

The facts of the case, as told last Monday, were that the complainant and defendant agreed to be partners in a business and certain money was deposited with the International Bank, it being agreed that the money could only be drawn out on the signature of the defendant and the chop of the complainant. The complainant went away to Canton, and when he came back he found that the money was gone. He then charged the defendant with forging his chop and so getting the money.

Evidence was given to-day by a representative of the Bank, who said that there was no such joint account by the two men. Mr. Denny again appeared for the defence, and the case was further adjourned.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on FRIDAY, the 1st September, 1916,

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Hongkong, 26th August, 1916.

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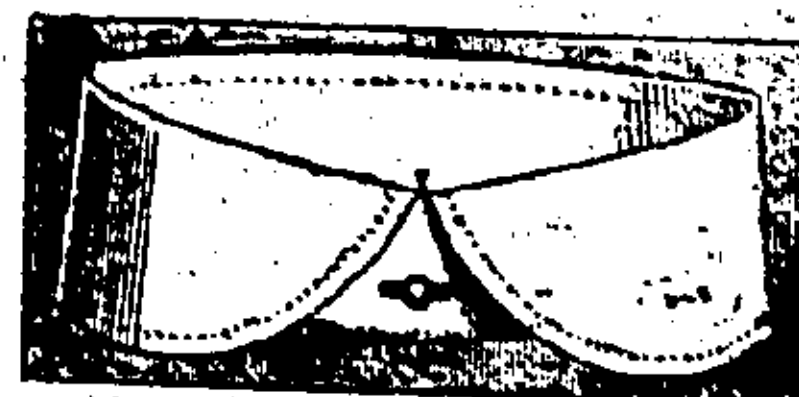
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VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE via Keelung, S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, and Yokohama	Miyazaki Maru Capt. Teranaka T. 1,600	THURS., 21st Sept., at noon.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville and Brisbane	Yokohama Maru Capt. Shinohe T. 12,500	FRIDAY, 1st Sept. at 4 p.m.
BOMBAY via Spore, Malacca & Cbo.	Sado Maru Capt. Asakawa T. 12,500	TUES., 19th Sept., at 4 p.m.
MOJI and Kobe	Tango Maru Capt. Soeda T. 13,500	TUESDAY, 12th Sept. at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI, Kobe, and Yokohama	Nikko Maru Capt. Takeda T. 9,600	FRIDAY, 8th Sept. at 4 p.m.
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LOG BOOK.

British Mercantile Marine.

Earl Curzon stated in the House of Lords recently that the whole British mercantile marine, which amounts to half the gross tonnage of the world, is now being administered by the Government. He said that 43 per cent. of the mercantile marine had been requisitioned for naval and military purposes, 14 per cent. is now carrying foodstuffs, raw material, etc., for the Government and the Allies, and 43 per cent. is operated by the British owners under Governmental regulations. He stated that 500 mercantile ships are now being constructed. The number of small craft added to the British mercantile marine is more than 2,500. Since the start of the war, 450 enemy ships had been detained or captured by the Allies.

S. S. Yushua Springs a Leak.

The China Merchants s.s. Yushua, has had to come back to Bangkok in all haste from Koh-Si-Chang, whither she had gone to complete her loading, says the Bangkok "Daily Mail" of August 7. It seems that while there it was discovered that she was making water pretty badly and that the cargo, especially the rice, was getting damaged. The pumps were got to work and she made all speed back to Bangkok, arriving at 7.30 in the morning. Directly upon her arrival work was started upon getting her cargo over the side, but up to the latest advices the position of the leak had not been discovered. After she has completed discharge she will be docked for an examination and repairs. It is considered possible that she struck against something which caused the leak when crossing the Bar.

American Shipping.

The monthly addition to the American merchant fleet during the current fiscal year, from construction in American shipyards and from admission of foreign-built vessels to American registry under the Ship Registry Act of August 18, 1914, shows a very satisfactory increase, particularly in tonnage. The greatest number of vessels were constructed in July, 1915, when 139 were turned out with a gross tonnage of 16,565. The total number of vessels constructed and admitted to American registry is 941 with a gross tonnage of 370,433. The number of steel merchant vessels building, or under contract to be built, in private plants of the United States on June 1 was 372, with a total aggregate gross tonnage of 1,147,534. This compares with 368 vessels of 1,129,914 gross tons on May 1; and is the highest total reported since the development of the industry by war demand began. The number of vessels completed during May was the largest recently reported, thirteen, as against six in April, five in March and six in February.

Indian Restriction of Shipping Trade.

Telegraphic information has been received in Japan stating that the Indian Government has issued a proclamation denying clearance permits to all steamers not possessing Lloyd's certificate, in reply to an inquiry the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha on the 14th instant received a telegram, according to the "Jiji," stating that the Proclamation had become operative from date of issue. It is stated that has not a little disconcerted the Mitsui firm and other shipowners, as among the Japanese steamers having no Lloyd's certificate the Kwangtung-maru, Harumaru, Tamon-maru XI, Asia-maru, and the Anyo-maru are trading on the Indian route on charter. If these charterparties are cancelled as necessitated by the proclamation, the shipowners will have to suffer heavy losses. The "Jiji" adds that the shipping men are very indignant over the Indian Proclamation, taking the view that it implies a distrust of the Japanese Government since the steamers mentioned, though lacking Lloyd's certificate, have the certificate of the Imperial Marine Society of this country. Shipping men are described as intending to start movements through the Japanese authorities to get the Proclamation revoked.

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on unless instructions are given

to the contrary before Noon,

To-day.

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September, 1916, will be subject

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by the Consignee's and the Co.'s

representatives at an appointed

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within ten days of the steamer's

arrival here, after which date

they cannot be recognised. No

claims will be admitted after

the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Agents.

Hongkong, August 28th, 1916.

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VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.

Yeforofu M. Jap. s.s. 497, Ogura, 11th Aug. - 1st dep. 11th Aug. - Gen. - N. Y. K.
Kumang. Br. s.s. 2077, Wheeler, 11th Aug. - Moji, 12th Aug. - Gen. - J. M. & Co.
Hanoi. Fr. s.s. 717, Mowar, 18th Aug. - Haiphong, 16th Aug. - Gen. - Mar. Kumbow. Br. s.s. 1066, Beck, 15th Aug. - Tientsin, 6th Aug. - Supr. - Chinese.
Taisang. Br. s.s. 177, Matthews, 19th Aug. - Ho gny, 16th Aug. - Coal - J. N. & Co.
Diva. Nor. s.s. 833, Jorgensen, 20th Aug. - Bangkok, Rice - Chinese.
Wollowin. Br. s.s. 1578, Pritchard, 20th Aug. - Saigon, 16th Aug. - Rice - E. H. Ray.
Hauron. Br. s.s. 1276, Smith, 21st Aug. - Penang, 15th Aug. - Gen. - Ca. Michel & Clarke.
Tonghong. Br. s.s. 1314, Prynn, 21st Aug. - Saigon, 17th Aug. - Rice - Chinese.
Sanbia. Br. s.s. 3353, Robertson, 22nd Aug. - Moji, 17th Aug. - Gen. - D. S. & Co.
City of Durham. Br. s.s. 3460, Hopkins, 23rd Aug. - Shanghai, 20th Aug. - Pallant - S. T. & Co.
Hinsang. Br. s.s. 1835, Kennedy, 23rd Aug. - Sandakan, 18th Aug. - Timber - J. M. & Co.
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Hirado. M. Jap. s.s. 1365, Ito, 23rd Aug. - Tientsin, 17th Aug. - Cal - M. B. K.
Chenghi. Br. s.s. 1338, Speed, 24th Aug. - Bangkok, 14th Aug. - Rice - B. & S.
Nichiro M. Jap. s.s. 1334, Hibb, 24th Aug. - Wakanusa, 18th Aug. - Coal - M. B. K.
Taibei M. Jap. s.s. 2101, Horuchi, 24th Aug. - Daiten, 17th Aug. - Coal - M. B. K.
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Chinhua. Br. s.s. 1356, Sidford, 25th Aug. - Mani a. 22nd Aug. - Gen. - B. & S.
Chungchow. Br. s.s. 1203, Robtson, 25th Aug. - Bangkok, Rice - B. & S.
Halvans. Br. s.s. 1366, Beck, 15th Aug. - Bangkok, 21st Aug. - Rice - T. & Co.
Yokohama M. Jap. s.s. 3817, Shinone, 26th Aug. - Shanghai, 23rd Aug. - Gen. - N. Y. K.

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SERVANTS QUARTERS.

"Strangers" on School Premises.

The first case of strangers found to be occupying servants' quarters to be brought before the Magistrate since the issuing of the Sanitary Board's warning was that in which four men were charged before Mr. Hazeld, at the Police Court this morning, with trespassing on Government property.

Detective Sergeant Willis, of Yumati, stated that on Saturday he received a telephone message from Mr. Irving, Director of Education, to search the servants' quarters at the Yumati Government Schools to see if there were strangers there. He did so and found the four men charged, asleep. They all admitted that they were not folks employed there, and the first defendant said he was a boarder at the school, as also did the second, who really lived in Shanghai Street. The No. 1 coolie had apparently allowed the men to sleep there.

Sergeant Willis also said that Mr. Irving did not wish to press the case, as it was the first of its kind from that school.

Mr. Hazeld remarked that the real culprit was the man who had allowed the men to go there and who had probably taxed them a certain amount for the privilege.

Three defendants were fined \$5, or 14 days, the fourth defendant, who was much younger than the others, being discharged.

Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of Schools, was in Court during the hearing of the case.

A FOOLISH ACT.

In the case of a man who was charged before Mr. Hazeld, at the Magistrate's Court, with assault, it appeared that, from the actions of defendant, a nasty accident might have occurred.

The complainant was Mrs. K. Knoch, of the Water Pumping Station, Yumati. On Saturday Mr. Knoch's son was out riding on a horse in Kaseu Street, the complainant walking by the side. The defendant struck the horse so that it was only with difficulty held in and stopped from bolting. Complainant remonstrated the man, who then struck him, knocking him into the side channel of the street.

His Worship fined the man \$7.

DEATH OF CAPT.

E. W. TISDALL.

Father of a Hongkong Bank Manager.

The N. C. Daily News records with regret the death of Capt. Ernest Walter Tisdall, which occurred in London on the 11th instant. Capt. Tisdall, who was born on September 6, 1843, and arrived in Shanghai twenty years later, was naturally one of the oldest hands and landmarks of the Settlement. He was also the editor of a now defunct morning contemporary, the Shanghai Daily Press. To his two sons, one of whom is in the Customs service in Hankow, and the other manager of the Russian Bank in Hongkong, as well as to his widow and his two daughters, Mrs. M. Drnegri and Mrs. Th. Meyer, deep sympathy is extended.

The Colony's Health. During last week there were nine cases of enteric fever reported in the Colony—one British, one American, one Japanese, one Indian, and the rest Chinese. Four ended fatally. There were also three fatal occurrences of small pox and one fatal case of cholera, all Chinese.

FATAL CRANE ACCIDENT.

Inquest held this afternoon.

This afternoon, before Mr. F. A. Hazeld, an inquest was held on the body of a Chinese who some time ago was killed by the fall of a steel crane at the Kowloon Docks.

The following were the jury:—Messrs. W. Ross, W. Drades and P. N. Xavier.

Dr. Smalley gave evidence as to the injuries received by deceased. He said that terrible injuries had been sustained. The cause of death was shock, multiple injuries, and hemorrhage.

A fellow-employee of deceased said when the crane had worked to a certain height it fell down, and deceased was caught by it and pinned to the ground.

In answer to Mr. Messer, C.S.P., witness said it was the jib of the crane which fell down and killed deceased.

The engineer who was driving the cranes said he had been employed at the docks for the past 10 years. Answering the C.S.P., witness said that at the time of the accident the fittings of the crane were a little loose. The crane was overhauled after the accident. Just before the crane was working up and down. Before the accident two sheets of iron were brought to him to lift with the crane. As soon as he set the engine working, the jib fell down on deceased. The accident occurred because the clutch worked down and came out.

Mr. William Russell, Government Marine Surveyor, said that he inspected the crane at the docks after the accident. He found the jib lying on the ground in a damaged condition.

He then examined the levers and found that there was no possibility of the jib falling had the clutch been put in gear before the paw had been lifted. The only way he could account for the accident was through the wrong lever having been pulled. The crane badly needed a good overhauling. The teeth of the ratchet were worn about a quarter of an inch.

Mr. T. Neave, Superintendent Engineer at the Docks, said that after the accident, he examined the working parts of the crane and found nothing broken or damaged with the exception of the jib. He examined the clutches and found them free and in working order. He also examined the paw, and ratchet; he did not see anything in the working part of the crane to which he could attribute the accident. He was of opinion that the driver made a mistake in operating the crane. He had evidently pulled the clutch out of gear whilst the paw was out of gear.

Witnesses added that since the accident he had renewed the ratchet.

Mr. Messer:—The inference being that the ratchet was not in good order?

Witness: I did not think it was absolutely necessary, but you and Mr. Russell pointed to its rounded corners.

A verdict of "accidental death" was returned.

LANGKAT OUTPUT.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts advise us that the Langkat output is as follows:—

August	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	126	126	120	134	134	134	125	110	120	115	111	130	125	123	109	109	119	112	101	108	112	118	114	120	124	109	127
Total to 27th inst.	3,249																										
Daily average	120.0																										

CORRESPONDENCE.

[The opinions expressed by the correspondents are not necessarily those of the Hongkong Telegraph.]

A CHURCH APPEAL.

(To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.)

Sir,—The Trustees of the Nagasaki Episcopal Church, owing to the collapse of the roof and the virtual destruction of the building on the 7th inst., find themselves confronted by a task of no little difficulty, viz., to rebuild the Church on the spot hallowed by half a century of sacred associations.

The building was erected in 1862 by the Rev. C. M. Williams, of the Protestant Episcopal Church of America (afterwards Bishop in Tokyo), assisted by the offerings of the Community and a donation from the British Government. This last source being no longer available, and there being no endowment or reserve funds, it remains to make a very earnest appeal to the foreign community who, we feel sure, appreciate the advantages afforded by the presence in their midst of regular Anglican Services. The amount required for rebuilding, using the old walls, has been roughly estimated at Yen 1,500. For an estimated new building at least Yen 4,000 would be required.

We trust that many former Nagasaki Residents, now living elsewhere in Japan or in other parts of the world, who cherish grateful recollections of the Church, will readily rally to our help in its restoration.

Subscriptions or promises should be forwarded to Mr. R. Jenkin (Hon. Sec. and Treas., Nagasaki Episcopal Church), 7, Bund, Nagasaki.

J. TWIZELL WAWN.

A. B. HUTCHINSON.

R. F. INMAN.

E. S. PARDON.

Nagasaki, August 18th, 1916.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

Official Report to March 31, 1916.

We have received from the Hon. the Colonial Secretary copies of three reports on the administration of the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund, for periods ending respectively on March 31, 1915, September 30, 1915, and March 31, 1916. The last-named states that the total contributions received up to that date amounted to £5,548,345. In addition, the sum of £177,289 has been received in respect of interest earned on the balance of the Fund temporarily invested; and, out of the amount collected on behalf of the Queen's Work for Women Fund, the sum of £128,000 has been paid over to the National Relief Fund for the purposes of financing schemes of work for women. The aggregate receipts therefore up to the 31st March amounted to £5,853,634. The total issues for naval and military relief amounted to £2,821,249, and for civil relief to £438,518.

The report concludes:—The total subscriptions received during the half-year amounted to £228,429, as compared with £428,944 for the previous half year. This reduction is not surprising in view of the number of competing appeals, and the Committee note with pleasure the continuance of generous help from some of the smaller Colonies and Dependencies and from British residents in foreign countries. As the Fund will, after the 30th June, be relieved of all liability on account of naval and military distress, and as the demands on account of civil distress continue to be so small, the Committee do not propose at present to organize any fresh appeal on behalf of the Fund. But, as was pointed out in the previous report, the present prosperity is largely artificial, and the Committee anticipated that after the war very heavy demands will be made upon the fund, for the relief of distress among the civil population.

THE WILHELMINA CASE.

Claimants' Counsel Commends Lord Mersey's Findings.

Announcement that the case of the Wilhelmina, an American ship seized by the British in January, 1915, because she carried a cargo of foodstuffs for Germany, had been settled on the recommendation of Lord Mersey, referee, by an award to the W. L. Green Commission Company, of St. Louis, of \$78,400 and interest, brought the following communication on July 15 from Arthur Galsfield Hays, attorney for the claimants:—

"The last chapter in the Wilhelmina has now been written. The award is extremely satisfactory to the W. L. Green Commission Co. It covers the Hamburg value of the cargo, together with damages for detention. This was according to the terms of the agreement of settlement, but the amount to be awarded was full of doubt for various reasons."

The Government admitted a liability of only \$33,000, as against about \$80,000, which was asked. The reasons for the difference were, according to Mr. Hays:—

First, the Government insisted that the cargo was not in good condition, and that the figures of Hamburg values submitted by the claimants were grossly exaggerated. The Government therefore presented different figures, having obtained them from the British Consul at Rotterdam and from merchants there, whereas the claimants' figures had been provided by German merchants. Lord Mersey evidently regarded the evidence of the Germans as more reliable, and decided this issue against the British Government.

Secondly, the British Government endeavored to deduct \$7,000 or \$8,000 for alleged import duties on the cargo, and in support of this presented the duties which were in existence before the war. On the other hand, evidence was submitted by the claimants, obtained from Germany, that there were no import duties at the time when the Wilhelmina was arrived. Again Lord Mersey found against the Government.

Thirdly, the Government charged against the Hamburg values some \$16,000 for deterioration in the cargo. This deterioration was due to damage occurring through heavy weather on the voyage across, for it must be remembered that the Wilhelmina almost went down, and damage resulting from the cargo remaining on board the Wilhelmina while she lay in an England port. Extended repairs were required which took many months. It was the contention of the British Government that even if the vessel had not been detained, there would have been the same delay, and the same deterioration would have occurred.

Furthermore, it was insisted that the British had wanted to unload the cargo, but that the claimants had insisted that the same remain on board until the final determination of the case. It was, therefore, claimed that the deterioration was due to the position taken by the claimants. Further, the Government claimed that no damages should be allowed for detention of the vessel, because, as above stated, the same delay would have occurred on account of the condition of the vessel.

On the other hand, the claimants contended that the British Government had agreed to pay the value of the cargo as if the ship had gone forward in due course irrespective of the delay. They further insisted that they had a legal right to leave the cargo on the ship pending the trial of the action, that the British Government purposely delayed the trial in order to bring about a condition in the cargo that would move the Court to order a sale thereof, so that irrespective of the outcome of the case, the cargo could not have proceeded. The claimants' cry was that the British were endeavoring to dispossess the case by detention instead of by trial. Lord Mersey allowed no deduction for deterioration, and granted damages for delay, again deciding in favour of the claimants.

ATTACK ON SEAHAM HARBOUR.

Bad Shooting at Close Range.

The following communique was issued by the Field-Marshal Commanding-in-Chief, Home Forces, on July 12:—

At 10.30 last night a German submarine appeared off the small undefended port of Seaham Harbour.

She approached to within a few hundred yards of the town and then opened fire.

Some 30 rounds of shrapnel were fired from a three inch gun; 20 rounds fell in the direction of Dalton-le-Dale and a dozen rounds fell in and about Seaham Colliery.

A woman who was walking through the colliery yard was seriously injured, and died this morning.

One house was struck by a shell. No other casualties or damage occurred.

Shells Over a Mile Inland.

Seaham Harbour, July 12.—Not one of the submarine's shells fell in the town of Seaham itself, all going high over the place and falling or bursting about a mile and a half to the west, mostly in fields.

Seaham Colliery, a village near Seaham, received several of the shells. Two women, Mrs. Mary Slaughtery, of Hebburn-on-Tyne, and Miss Brown, daughter of the woman with whom Mrs. Slaughtery was staying, were walking to Miss Brown's house, when the shells commenced to explode. Mrs. Slaughtery was struck and severely injured, and, after being medically attended, was conveyed to Sunderland Infirmary, where she died this morning. Miss Brown laid flat on the ground and escaped.

The family of a miner had a remarkable experience. A shell demolished a portion of their back yard wall, drilled a hole clean through the kitchen wall, flew across another room, and alighted near the front door, but did no harm to any of the occupants. Only Mrs. Martinson, the miner's wife, was in the kitchen, and the shell missed her. The rest of the family were in bed in an upper room.

Five Minutes' Bombardment.

At the inquest on Mrs. Mary Slaughtery, it was stated she was the wife of John Slaughtery, a blacksmith, of 107, Victoria-road, Hebburn.

Jennie Brown, a cousin of Mrs. Slaughtery, said that they were proceeding through the Seaham Colliery yard, when they heard a terrific explosion. They turned round in the direction from which the second came (towards the sea) and saw lights flashing in the distance shorewards. Witness stumbled and fell, and when she regained her feet she found her cousin on the ground, and ascertained she had been injured.

Police-Inspector Morgan said the bombardment lasted five minutes, and about 20 three-inch shells were fired.

The jury returned a verdict that death was due to wounds caused by the explosion of a shell fired from an enemy submarine.

Ball Estreated.

The case was called before Mr. Hazeld at the Police Court this morning in which a man named James Johnson was charged with being drunk. Defendant did not appear, and his bail of \$5 was estreated.

Prize court proceedings were brought against the cargo of the Wilhelmina in February, 1915, but the shippers contend that in spite of strenuous efforts on their part, they were unable to get a trial in prize court. The case was in this position in March, at the time of the promulgation of Order in Council instituting the blockade. The trial of the case could, therefore, no longer establish a precedent, and in April, 1915, the British Foreign Office agreed to settle the case by paying the claimants the value of the cargo as if it had gone forward to Hamburg, together with damages for delay.

WAR GIFTS FROM HONGKONG.

This month the Union Club Ladies' Working party has sent a box of socks, shirts and caps to Miss Miller at the Highland Clearing Station France; also a box containing two hundred pairs of socks and sixty shirts to British prisoners of war in Germany. The following letter has been received:—

2nd Scottish Horse,

July 10th.

Dear Madam,—I have to thank you heartily again for the parcels of Shirts and Socks which arrived all right yesterday.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) J. VANS AGNEW.

THE CINEMATOGRAPHS.

Victoria.

The Victoria Theatre, on Friday, screened a war play of unusual interest: "The Menace," which is not only staged and mounted in the Film d'Art Company's best manner, but which unfolds a most strikingly ingenious plot. There was also a new Gazette, equal in point of quality to any of its predecessors, while two sets of special war photographs were valuable additions to an excellent programme. Another feature was "Max Linder joins the Colours." The new episodes of the mystery serial "The Black Box" evoked much admiration. To-night there is a special programme, and the Band of the 18th Infantry will again be in attendance. The programme will include "The Sham Willies" and a two-part Charlie Chaplin picture. On Wednesday night Dr. Rowe, the Mystery King, will make his first appearance, accompanied by his clairvoyante partner.

Bijou.

At the Bijou Theatre the week-end attraction is the new American serial: "Neal of the Navy." The story on which the pictures are based has appeared in serial form in various of the United States papers, and it makes a big bid for popularity. In the instalments shown on Saturday night, one of the most striking features was a fine picture of the eruption of Mont Pelée. Lovers of sensational pictures should certainly pay a visit to the Bijou while this popular film is being shown.

Palisade.

The Palisade at Kowloon is not only maintaining but is vastly increasing its popularity, and very large numbers of people from both sides of the Harbour have visited it during the week-end. The pictures shown are of a good class, and the seating accommodation is particularly satisfactory. Saturday night's programme included the 4th and 5th episodes of "The Black Box," a three-part dramatic film: "Comedy and Tragedy," some good comedies, and a fine set of war pictures: "Kitcheners' Army."

THE YUNNAN OPIUM CASE.

The Sentences.

An August 22, judgment was delivered at Shanghai in the Yunnan opium case.

The Assessor, in passing sentences, said: This is a very painful case, especially for those who have always wished for the good of the country in which we live. We leave the conduct of the Taoyin to the investigations of the superior authorities.

We find the first accused, Sang See-gee, guilty, but in consideration of his youth and the subordinate position he holds, we sentence him to four months' imprisonment.

We find Wong Teoh-sung guilty. There are no mitigating circumstances and he must go to prison for nine months.

Sang Woo-ding we find not guilty; there is not sufficient evidence to support the charge. We find Wong Tah-sen guilty and he must go to prison for three months.

We find General Lee Heiang-shah not guilty, and he leaves the Court without any stain on his character. We find Li Tung-woo guilty and he is fined \$1,000.

THE CANTON SITUATION.

A Promising Outlook.

At the present moment the position at Canton shows more promise of a proper settlement than it has done since the trouble began. As we stated on Saturday, Admiral Sah has arrived, and the people have every confidence that he and the new Civil Governor will find little difficulty in placing matters on an orderly footing. The Civil Governor has, it is said, already made a most favourable impression on all who have come in contact with him; and the people particularly admire the simplicity of his ways, in walking about the city almost unattended and in not setting up an expensive household for himself.

Chu Hing-lan is directing himself to a very careful consideration of Lung Chai-kwong's demands. The three million dollars to which Lung lays claim, as out-of-pocket expenses, are in the Chinese Bank on Shanghai, but it is not yet decided that he will receive the whole of this amount. As soon as the negotiations with General Lung are completed, Chu Hing-lan will probably proceed to Shih Hing to meet Luk Wing-ting, who may return with him to Canton. Sham Chun-huen has, it is said, surrendered all authority to Luk Wing-ting, and continues to express himself as only anxious to promote general harmony. The latest report as to Lung Chai-kwong's future movements is that he is summoned to Peking. It is believed that a post in the North will be offered to him.

At Shiklung all is quiet again. One rumour says that Tang Hing has taken flight and has run away, leaving his troops to fend for themselves. This, however, is denied by the Chinese, who say that Tang has merely withdrawn himself and his troops and has given up all notion of further fighting.

Well-informed Chinese say that Tang Hing's withdrawal was dictated by no less a person than Sun Yat-sen. Sun, it appears, has throughout been regarded as the recognised if unofficial head of the movement in the South, and the confidence which certain revolutionary leaders still feel in him seems to be boundless. It was, we are informed, at his orders that Chu Chup-sun—the man whose troops captured Kongmoon and Fatsan—left Tang Hing in charge, and proceeded to Shanghai to join Sun. Tang's orders are now to pay off and disband his army and to follow his friend Chu to Shanghai.

There is news from Peking to the effect that the Progressive People's parties have amalgamated. Sun Yat-sen's influence is reported as being very strong with a certain section of the Central Government, and it is even claimed that he can control or influence at least sixty per cent of the members of Parliament.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

CANTON-KOWLOON RAILWAY.

NOTICE.

Resumption of Through Train Service.

The public is hereby notified that on and from TUESDAY, 19th instant, and until further notice, the following trains will run between Kowloon and Canton and vice versa.

Up Express Trains.

Kowloon	Dep. 8.05 a.m.
Canton	Arr. 11.45 a.m.
Kowloon	Dep. 2.50 p.m.
Canton	Arr. 6.35 p.m.

Slow Through, stopping at all stations.

Kowloon	Dep. 9.30 a.m.
Canton	Arr. 5.30 p.m.

Down Express Trains.

Canton	Dep. 7.25 a.m.
Kowloon	Arr. 11.00 a.m.
Canton	Dep. 3.20 p.m.
Kowloon	Arr. 6.35 p.m.

Slow Through, stopping at all stations.

Canton	Dep. 8.35 a.m.
Kowloon	Arr. 4.35 p.m.

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For Manager.

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Kowloon-Canton Railway.

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Canton-Kowloon Railway.

